



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his contact and engagements with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Boris Johnson. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37276/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Boris Johnson. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37373/19]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Prime Minister Johnson; the issues that were discussed; and his plans to hold additional meetings and or engagements. — Micheál Martin. [37403/19]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Brendan Howlin. [37444/19]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Johnson and the issues discussed. — Joan Burton. [37564/19]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the Operation Yellowhammer paper with Prime Minister Johnson when they met or since 9 September 2019. — Micheál Martin. [37688/19]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Johnson. — Eamon Ryan. [38502/19]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Prime Minister Johnson at the United Nations. — Joan Burton. [39455/19]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on reassurances he sought and received from Prime Minister Johnson regarding the Good Friday Agreement and that there would not be a need for checks or controls at the Border; and if he discussed alternatives to same. — Michael Moynihan. [39629/19]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if Prime Minister Johnson indicated when the UK Government will be in a position to produce its alternative suggestions for a possible deal to the EU in order that they can review same before the EU Council meeting on 17 October 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [39630/19]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with Prime Minister Johnson since he met him in the United States of America; and the issues that were discussed regarding Brexit; if a written proposal will come from the UK to the EU in the near future. — Micheál Martin. [39892/19]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37277/19]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services will meet next. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37375/19]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services is scheduled to meet. — Joan Burton. [37566/19]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [38479/19]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee E (Health) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services will meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38483/19]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Policy and Public Services will next meet. — Brendan Howlin. [38489/19]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee on which education policy is discussed; and when it last met. — Micheál Martin. [39893/19]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37374/19]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Brendan Howlin. [38480/19]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Vice President Pence; and if the ramifications of a hard Brexit on the island of Ireland were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [37405/19]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if the matter of the undocumented Irish was discussed with Vice President Pence when they met recently. — Michael Moynihan. [37412/19]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Vice President Pence of the United States of America. — Brendan Howlin. [37445/19]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his contact and engagements with the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Mike Pence during his recent visit here. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37286/19]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Mike Pence. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37384/19]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Vice President of the United States of America. — Ruth Coppinger. [37533/19]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Vice President of the United States of America, Mr. Mike Pence. — Eamon Ryan. [38501/19]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Vice President of the United States of America. — Joan Burton. [39682/19]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he has attended Cabinet committee meetings recently. — Michael Moynihan. [37416/19]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of Cabinet committee meetings held since June 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37285/19]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he has attended Cabinet committee meetings recently. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38537/19]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met or spoken to the leader of the UK Labour Party recently. — Michael Moynihan. [37417/19]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met or spoken to the leader of the UK Labour Party. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38538/19]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with church leaders on 4 July 2019. — Brendan Howlin. [37446/19]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the plenary organised with religious leaders in July 2019; and the issues that were discussed. — Michael Moynihan. [37641/19]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with church leaders on 4 July 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38539/19]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with religious leaders on 4 July 2019 and the matters that were discussed. — Ruth Coppinger. [38542/19]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37284/19]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Brendan Howlin. [38481/19]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on the Environment is due to meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [37534/19]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Environment last met. — Eamon Ryan. [38503/19]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Environment will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [38543/19]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on the Environment is due to meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39636/19]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on the Environment is due to meet. — Joan Burton. [39683/19]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee C (European Union including Brexit) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Brexit, Foreign and European Affairs is scheduled to meet. — Joan Burton. [37565/19]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when Cabinet committee G (Justice and Equality) last met; and when the Cabinet committee on Security is scheduled to meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38482/19]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet committee on Security is due to meet. — Joan Burton. [39684/19]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on National Security last met. — Michael Moynihan. [39947/19]

49. To ask the Taoiseach the status of bills under preparation in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38484/19]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr. Donald Tusk when in New York; the issues that were discussed; and his plans to meet again before 17 October 2019. — Michael Moynihan. [39627/19]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the UN; if he held bilaterals and the issues discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39631/19]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meetings with EU leaders and others when he attended the UN meeting in New York; and if the backstop was discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39633/19]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the UN General Assembly and UN Climate Action Summit. — Brendan Howlin. [39284/19]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements regarding the candidature of Ireland for the UN Security Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39603/19]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent United Nations climate action summit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39604/19]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to the United States of America for the recent UN meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39637/19]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the meetings he held with business leaders while in the United States of America; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [39894/19]

58. To ask the Taoiseach the EU leaders he met or spoke with at the UN meeting and since Brexit. — Michael Moynihan. [39948/19]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent contacts with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. — Joan Burton. [39454/19]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to EU leaders since 18 September 2019 regarding Brexit or other issues. — Micheál Martin. [39632/19]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Tusk. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39605/19]

### **CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

#### **Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.**

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the supplementary estimates that will be required in 2019 based on current information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39878/19]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the rent paid by the Office of Public Works for the rental of properties (details supplied) in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39622/19]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of the National Broadband Plan and the national children's hospital from 2021 onwards; the area from which funding for the projects will come from; if no project will be impacted as a result of these spends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39879/19]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the sectors of the economy his Department has identified as needing targeted support in the event of the UK leaving the EU without an agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39452/19]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Public Spending Code will be updated; the specific changes that are being envisaged to the Public Spending Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39880/19]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

#### **Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.**

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected additional expenditure that will be committed to climate action measures; the way in which it will be ring-fenced for that purpose from an increased revenue from carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39625/19]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of each State infrastructure project that is in development or is due for completion in 2019 in which it is in excess of the budget assigned to the project for its current stage to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [39522/19]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the additional expenditure that will be committed for sector-specific mitigation measures in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39626/19]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will meet with representatives of retired public and semi-State workers (details supplied) to discuss their grievances on reductions

and changes to their pension schemes in previous years which have not been fully restored ahead of the upcoming budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39615/19]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the relationship between a location (details supplied) and the OPW; his views on the location refusing permission for a group to perform there as part of a cultural event while allowing the group to perform in the past; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39474/19]

72. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ó thaobh réiteach a fháil maidir leis na fadhbanna páirceála atá ann gar d’Ionad Oidhreachta Dhún Aonghasa, Árainn, Contae na Gaillimhe; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [37932/19]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department has issued guidance notes or made provision for the exclusion of economic operators in procurement procedures for public contracts in circumstances in which the economic operator has shown significant or persistent deficiencies or failures in the performance of a prior public contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39623/19]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the consultancy fees paid to date by his Department for the promotion and roll out of the Public Services Card in the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O’Brien. [39593/19]

75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39569/19]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has identified Government Departments likely to overrun on capital or current spending; his action in regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39519/19]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when decisions will be made on applications for capital projects in County Kildare under Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39640/19]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if multi-annual funding for elements of the health budget has been considered in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39641/19]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the preferred options for the flood relief works on the Sullane River, Ballyvourney, County Cork will be finalised; the impediments delaying this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39639/19]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on Exchequer expenditure requirements in order to implement the all of Government Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39369/19]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which his Department is addressing expenditure overruns in relation to the National Broadband Plan and the National Children’s Hospital in 2019 and over the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39368/19]



82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the Enniscorthy flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [38315/19]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the latest work of the Office of Public Works regarding its strategic review of the Phoenix Park; the cost to date; the estimated further cost in respect of the review; the expected timeline to publish a report on the consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39447/19]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the restoration plans for properties under his ownership in Kells, County Meath; his further plans to carry out enhancement or conservation works at the monastic site; and if there are plans to enhance the tourism signage in Kells. — Thomas Byrne. [39620/19]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the overall trend in Government net policy spending since Quarter 1 2015 down to Quarter 3 2019; the way in which he expects this trend to evolve in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39367/19]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public spending cuts previously applied are likely to be reversed in the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39518/19]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and cost of retrofitting projects the Commissioners of Public Works has undertaken in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, to upgrade public buildings to meet modern standards in terms of building regulations and energy efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39451/19]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of honouring the Labour Court finding on the community employment scheme supervisors pension costs; if the ongoing issue on financing the pension rights of these workers will be resolved in the upcoming budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39614/19]

89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the areas of the Budget he is planning to increase in view of the threat of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39608/19]

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform that Budget 2020 will make sufficient provision to ensure that the Taoiseach's commitment to double funding for the arts by 2024 is met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39498/19]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position with regard to supplementary estimates which may be necessary in several Departments for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [38317/19]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to increase the stipend given to keyholders of OPW sites nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [39621/19]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if consideration has been given to updating the format of the capital tracker to mark projects as delayed; the date in which construction is planned to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39612/19]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the public sector pay bill in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of full-time civil and public servants employed; and the whole-time equivalent employed for each of the above years. — Joan Burton. [39449/19]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the revised public spending code relating to the appraisal and management of public capital projects will be published; his plans to strengthen the existing guidelines and improve appraisal, cost estimation and management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39448/19]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the acreage of State land managed by the OPW transferred to the Land Development Agency for the development of residential units; the number of units that have been delivered; the number of acres that will be transferred to the agency in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39611/19]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of construction inflation that has been experienced by his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019 in respect of construction projects and other capital projects; the way in which he monitors construction inflation and the mechanisms he employs to establish this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39450/19]

98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Rebuilding Ireland home loan will be extended in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39353/19]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of addressing pay equalisation in the public sector. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39354/19]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the lower Lee flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39594/19]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the anticipated cost of borrowing funds for the Exchequer in order to fulfil expenditure requirements under a no-deal Brexit scenario; the effect this will have on the national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39613/19]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the demographic analysis will be ready for budget day; if it will involve an ex-post review of demographic costs in previous years; if the scope of the analysis will be expanded particularly in relation to health expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39610/19]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*103. To ask the Taoiseach if he discussed the undocumented Irish at his meetings in the United States of America; and if so, the response he received. — Michael Moynihan. [39952/19]

\*104. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Infrastructure last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38870/19]

\*105. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Seanad Reform Implementation Group. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38871/19]

\*106. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the North East Inner City initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38872/19]

\*107. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his UN speech on climate change. — Micheál Martin. [39634/19]

\*108. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee meetings he held in September 2019. — Micheál Martin. [39635/19]

\*109. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to New York for the UN Climate Action Summit 2019. — Eamon Ryan. [38849/19]

\*110. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Hollywood; and the meetings he held. — Michael Moynihan. [39951/19]

\*111. To ask the Taoiseach when he plans to convene the Citizens' Assembly on gender equality. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39346/19]

\*112. To ask the Taoiseach the correspondence from him or his Department or his advisers with a person (details supplied) or their offices and or their employees in each of the years 2017 to 22 September 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39543/19]

\*113. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mrs. Arlene Foster, the leader of the DUP and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [38507/19]

\*114. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet committee meetings he has held since the 2019 summer recess. — Micheál Martin. [38508/19]

\*115. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on Cabinet committee B (Social Policy and Public Services). — Micheál Martin. [38509/19]

\*116. To ask the Taoiseach the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; and the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; and the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date. — Michael McGrath. [39931/19]

*Chun an Taoiseach agus Aire Cosanta: To the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.*

\*117. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 6 September 2019, the status of information being compiled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39296/19]

\*118. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 125 of 26 March 2019, the remit of the working group; the membership of the group; the number of times the working group has met in each quarter since its establishment; when the group will report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39335/19]

\*119. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress made on the gap analysis of skills sets in the Permanent Defence Forces to identify potential roles for members of the Reserve Defence Forces with specialist skills; the efforts he has made to date in 2019 to progress the initiative; when the gap analysis will report its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39338/19]

\*120. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the replacement of aircraft (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39570/19]

\*121. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39921/19]

*Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.*

\*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on media reports (details supplied) regarding informal discussions in relation to replacing the backstop; if he or persons on his behalf held informal discussions with Mr. Juncker or Mr. Barnier; and when he expects a written proposal from the UK Prime Minister, Mr. Boris Johnson regarding his proposals. — Micheál Martin. [38504/19]

\*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to other EU Leaders regarding Northern Ireland being a special economic zone within both the UK and the EU in view of reports (details supplied) in the media which covered the upcoming meeting between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Boris Johnson and Chancellor Angela Merkel. — Micheál Martin. [38506/19]

\*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to attend the upcoming conference in Geneva in relation to the UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39481/19]

\*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the national plan on business and human rights; the progress made to date; the number of times the implementation group met since it was convened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39483/19]

\*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department sought and received legal advice before removing the requirement of the public services card by the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39837/19]

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39925/19]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason only 1% of SMEs avail of research and development tax credit; his views on whether this signals the scheme is cumbersome and not user friendly; and his plans to amend the scheme in order to assist SMEs avail of same. — Robert Troy. [39563/19]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the capital gains tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39806/19]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding general practitioner infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39811/19]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the fundamentals in regard to debt borrowing and prudent economics remain an essential part the policy of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39964/19]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of establishing and running the last Commission on Taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39333/19]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 28 February 2018, the status of efforts to ensure third-party claimants of a company are compensated in full; the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39336/19]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that due to differences in tax policies on both sides of the Border, a truckload of coal is €2,217 more expensive in the here than in Northern Ireland; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this price differential will increase further post-Brexit; the actions being taken to prevent smuggling of solid fuel across the Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39408/19]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken to monitor goods entering the State across the Border after the UK leaves the EU; if extra customs staff are being deployed for this purpose; if new offices of the Revenue Commissioners are being established along the Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39417/19]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the criteria under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme to qualify for a primary medical certificate; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a large number of disabled drivers are at a severe disadvantage by not

meeting the strict criteria as currently set out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39476/19]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Finance if correspondence by him or to him from all Cabinet ministers including the Taoiseach in respect of policy changes on the collection and ringfencing of the carbon tax for the purposes of implementing measures on climate adaptation or mitigation, particularly in the housing and transport sectors will be provided. — Sean Sherlock. [39485/19]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of taxes that are levied on aviation fuel; and the estimated revenue that would accrue if VAT and excise duty were applied to aviation fuel. — Peadar Tóibín. [39540/19]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the importance of the road haulage industry to Ireland, the worrying effects Brexit will have on this industry and the implications of a carbon tax on this industry when considering its introduction in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39591/19]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if policy notes recently released under freedom of information regarding memos in his Department in relation to the rainy day fund and its uses being specifically for force majeure events and not being utilised as a Brexit mitigant is policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39596/19]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year cost of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39653/19]

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\*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated first and full-year cost of a proposal by an organisation (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39655/19]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a proposal by an organisation (details supplied); and the estimated costs which would arise. — Robert Troy. [39656/19]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the Central Bank on the increased levy being imposed on certain credit unions in view of the vital role of the credit union movement in providing financial services to communities and the voluntary nature of its commitment to providing that service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [39679/19]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reliefs for the haulage industry in Budget 2020 by not increasing carbon tax for licensed hauliers; if he will introduce measures to reduce fuel costs for licensed hauliers by doubling the rebate level allowed under the diesel rebate scheme from 7.5c to 15c and reducing the floor at which the rebate starts from €1.00 to 85c; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39813/19]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider no increase in motor tax, VRT or other taxes on the licensed haulage sector in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39815/19]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address matters (details supplied) regarding fitness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39818/19]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 19 September 2019, if he will address issues (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39833/19]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue generated in each year since the introduction of the local property tax under the penalty charge to self-employed for non-payment in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [39835/19]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39924/19]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Finance if an analysis has been carried out regarding the impact of the differential between entrepreneurial relief here and the UK; the estimated cost to bring Ireland in line with the UK level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39958/19]

*Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.*

\*153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when his Department will issue a notice of determination to an appeal of determinations issued by trustees of schemes (details supplied) on foot of a complaint submitted to the defined benefit schemes administrator pursuant to the schemes internal dispute resolution procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39334/19]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the need for a permanent solution to the coastal erosion in The Burrow, Portrane, County Dublin; when he will receive a recommendation from Fingal County Council on the preferred permanent solution to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39425/19]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for the planned works and or upgrading to be carried out to the Garda station in Greystones, County Wicklow; if such works are contingent on the Coast Guard moving from its current location beside the Garda station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39432/19]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of running each of the four bye elections being suggested for November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39584/19]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the hypothecated fund will be realised; and the way in which fuel poverty will be protected when carbon taxes are introduced. — Micheál Martin. [39634/19]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are proposed works to be carried out on a river (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39306/19]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to an application by Cork County Council to the OPW for funding for a project (details supplied) in County Cork; the timeline for the adjudication on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39343/19]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the dates, attendees and agendas of all meetings between his Department and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding all forms of the sports capital programme from 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39413/19]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is planned to move the Greystones Coast Guard from its current location to Greystones Harbour; if so, the timeline for the work; if not, the plans for the existing Coast Guard station including timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39434/19]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which he was consulted regarding the closing of applications for the deep retrofit scheme; if he has engaged with the Ministers for Housing, Planning and Local Government and Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the issue of the closure of the scheme; if he has received a request to provide further funding for the scheme and-or compensation for applicants that are at a loss due to the cessation of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39503/19]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outstanding allocations for the Public Service Stability Agreement and other public pay agreements in each of the years 2018 to 2020 by vote, Department and agency. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39504/19]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of projects supported by his Department in County Kildare in each of the past five years; the value and status of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39506/19]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of projects supported by his Department in County Laois in each of the past five years; the value and status of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39507/19]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of projects that were refused funding by his Department in County Kildare in each of the past five years; the reason for the refusal; the status of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39508/19]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of projects that were refused funding by his Department in County Laois in each of the past five years; the reason for the refusal; the status of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39510/19]



\*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood relief schemes to be introduced at various locations in south County Galway; the timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39512/19]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for the delay in commencing works on Bailieborough Garda station, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39521/19]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a permanent independent Defence Forces pay body will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [38512/19]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding decentralisation within the Civil Service; his plans to extend this policy to the southeastern region and County Wexford; if he will consider the region's co-working hubs as possible alternatives to lengthy commutes for Civil Service employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39790/19]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39929/19]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains assured of the ability of the economy to withstand the shock of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39959/19]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he continues to liaise with all Departments with a view to preventing potential expenditure overruns or making adequate provisions in the event of unforeseen circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39960/19]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has identified potential cost overruns and or underestimates throughout various Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39961/19]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has identified particularity sensitive areas which may require additional resources throughout the coming year with a view to alleviate their difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39962/19]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he anticipates further reforms as a means of good management of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39963/19]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which progress continues to be made towards restoration of various cut backs experienced during the economic crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39965/19]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he remains satisfied that public expenditure remains in line with best practice throughout the European Union and the Eurozone in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39966/19]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which FEMPI restoration provisions continue to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39967/19]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he expects the restoration of the economy be completed through the various means of restoration arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39968/19]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific issues to which his attention has been drawn which indicate a lack of compliance with the criteria set down by his Department in terms of procurement and reform which may negatively or otherwise impact on the economic future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39969/19]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39970/19]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna: To the Minister for Education and Skills.*

\*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he and his Department plan to address the imbalance of salaries, annual leave and pension rights for school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39268/19]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he and his officials have engaged with a union (details supplied) that represents school secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39269/19]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the school supports in place for a person (details supplied); the number of waiting lists for schools with special classes they are on; and when they will be provided with a place in a special class as recommended in the educational assessment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39275/19]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of alternative suitable temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); the stage the plans are at for the permanent school building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39289/19]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements being made to ensure alternative suitable temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) is provided in view of the fact that its existing temporary premises has now been sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39290/19]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason schools are required to submit accounts on-line via an accountant to FSSU; the reason an individual school cannot file the figures directly to the unit by extracting the numbers from the profit and loss and balance sheet on an annual basis which in some cases would save the school the added expense of hiring an accountant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39312/19]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the waiting time to have an appeal heard by the student transport appeal board for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39315/19]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a fire safety inspection of the former premises of a school (details supplied) in Bray County Wicklow will be commissioned to see if it complies with safety rules for use by another secondary school in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39326/19]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for a special autism unit at national school level in Roscommon town, County Roscommon to address and facilitate the needs of young children with autism in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [39344/19]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the average cost per child availing of the school bus programme on an annual basis; and the number of children attending primary and secondary school. — Peadar Tóibín. [39377/19]

\*194. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna an bhfuil aon phlean aige cúnaimh a thabhairt do Scoil (sonraí thíos), le hathchóiriú a dhéanamh ar a cuid foirgneamh, ina measc, Halla Spóirt a chur ar fáil; agus cad é stádas an iarratais seo. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39378/19]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide a retrofitting programme for education facilities including primary, secondary, and third-level to ensure that they become more energy efficient and sustainable. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39379/19]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received a request for funding for the renovation of the Kane Science Building in UCC; and the consideration given to it. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39380/19]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of consent to a school (details supplied) to apply to Kildare County Council for planning permission for a sports facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39389/19]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the ASD units in schools in County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [39390/19]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a death-in-service payment case ongoing for nine months (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39393/19]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school children that avail of school buses at both primary and secondary level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39411/19]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) with bachelor degrees from the United States of America is required to contact each individual statutory authority relative to each academia in order to be recognised here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39415/19]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children that travel out of Donabate, County Dublin to attend secondary school outside the area; the number of children that travel into Donabate to attend secondary school over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39426/19]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a copy of all correspondence between him and or his office and or his advisers and other offices or personnel in his Department regarding a school in County Tipperary will be provided from 1 May 2016 to 22 September 2016 in chronological order. — Alan Kelly. [39431/19]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional funding to a school (details supplied) to fit out its classrooms with the necessary furniture and appropriate materials for children with special needs following his Department issuing the school with a notice pursuant to section 37A of the Education Act 1998; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39530/19]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) is only in short-term accommodation; when the official temporary accommodation on the designated site for the permanent school will be ready; the reason for the delay in providing this official temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39535/19]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will be awarded a grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39546/19]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider reintroducing free Gaeltacht places for national trainee teachers that must attend and pay to attend a Gaeltacht twice during their four year course. — Robert Troy. [39556/19]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a policy to deal with the use of the Irish language from pre-school to university will be published. — Robert Troy. [39558/19]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether education is key to maintaining competitiveness here; and his further views on the continuing falling in the rankings by universities here in the university league. — Robert Troy. [39564/19]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the public services card will soon be required to make an appeal to his Department in relation to the provision of access to school transport schemes in view of the fact that the under the current system of school transport appeals, if an appeal is submitted online or offline, no identity validation or description is required; the way in which or the reason a SAFE 2 level of identity authentication is now to be introduced as a core requirement of an appeal regarding a local school transport decision to the exclusion of all other forms of identification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39568/19]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement since 16 September 2019 with unions representing school secretaries in an effort to resolve the dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39579/19]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new Gaelscoil primary school for areas (details supplied); when enrolment is expected to commence; the details of an additional ASD unit for the peninsula in view of a previous commitment given by him which stated that the provision of an ASD unit formed part of the delivery of the new primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39587/19]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the online patronage process system for new primary schools to be established in 2020 will commence in order for parents of eligible children to be provided an opportunity to indicate their preferences for the patron body to run the school; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39588/19]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a contractor has been appointed to a college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39617/19]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the minor works grant is being provided to schools for the 2019/2020 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39670/19]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an appeal by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39734/19]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to implement proper pay and working conditions as sought by school secretaries following the recent work stoppage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39737/19]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39745/19]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a SNA for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39757/19]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the length of time a school (details supplied) has been at the pre-qualification stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39758/19]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [39761/19]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding payments to examiners under the SEC; if there are delays; and when outstanding payments will issue. — Thomas Byrne. [39775/19]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the amalgamation of the national schools in Cahir, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [39782/19]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the agencies that have been permitted to provide sex education in schools; and the amount each agency has received for its services in each of the past five years. — Bríd Smith. [39793/19]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the additional funding the Minister of State for Training and Skills is of the view will be made available through his Department will be able to provide a service for students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39795/19]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on the delivery of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39817/19]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) is not receiving the necessary supports to ensure their full participation in junior infants at a school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39830/19]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to address issues raised in a new report by an organisation (details supplied) which shows schools need far greater capacity to meet the learning, language and socio-emotional needs of young refugees and to support them in their transition to school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39869/19]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills position regarding pay restoration for teachers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39888/19]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the allocation of a weekly release day for teaching principals; his views on this policy; if he will create national clusters of panels to cover this release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39889/19]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39922/19]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding school transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [39934/19]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding school transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [39935/19]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the minor works grant for a school (details supplied) for 2019; if the school is receiving this grant in 2019; when is it likely to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39937/19]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a summer works scheme application by a school (details supplied) will be granted due to the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39953/19]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on placing the time for religious faith formation outside of core school hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39974/19]

*Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais: To the Minister for Justice and Equality.*

\*237. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the social insurance based parental leave benefit scheme announced as part of Budget 2019; if the scheme will be in place by November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [39317/19]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding revised advice to volunteer visa applicants regarding the policy on the volunteering in Ireland scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39374/19]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated with a partnership visa application before their current residency permit expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39547/19]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the possibility of increased crime, smuggling and fraud in Northern Ireland and at the Border region was discussed during his most recent meeting with his UK counterparts; and his plans to deal with same. — Micheál Martin. [38505/19]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the role his Department will have with respect to the newly established National Rural Safety Forum; and the funding that will be provided by his Department to the operating costs of the forum. — Dara Calleary. [39710/19]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the families in direct provision centres are there on a voluntary basis in view of the comments by the Taoiseach on a television programme (details supplied); if many have applied for HAP to allow them to be accommodated outside centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39270/19]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there has been a reduction in the number of adults or families that live in direct provision centres since the rules to allow them to work have been changed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39271/19]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the average length of time it takes to review and assess asylum applications for those families being accommodated in direct provision centres on a long-term basis; if changes have been introduced to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39272/19]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of legal cases that are ongoing for those families that are still being accommodated in direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39273/19]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of operational gardaí on duty across all stations in north County Kildare on each Saturday in August 2019, in tabular form by station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39278/19]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the OPW has carried out a recent assessment of Carndonagh Court House, Carndonagh, County Donegal; if issues have been identified; if so, his plans to remedy same; the timeframe involved; if the OPW will work with the Courts Service to ensure a temporary venue is made available in Carndonagh and that court sittings continue to be held in Carndonagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39318/19]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to ongoing public concern regarding the dangers of the widespread illegal use of scramblers and quad-bikes; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that An Garda Síochána is requesting new powers to enable it to tackle this issue in public parks and other off-road situations; if urgent consideration will be given to providing An Garda Síochána powers to confiscate the vehicles when they are being used illegally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39324/19]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that legislation in relation to the sale and use of fireworks is effective and fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39332/19]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will apply the recent High Court judgement by a person (details supplied) regarding the continuous residence requirement for those applying for Irish citizenship criteria of no travel in year preceding citizenship application retrospectively. — Stephen Donnelly. [39348/19]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if emergency legislation will be sought to amend the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 to ensure the continuous residence criteria allows travel for a reasonable length of time, for example, the six weeks advised by his Department before the judgement was made in view of the recent High Court judgement by a person (details supplied) regarding the continuous residence requirement for those applying for Irish citizenship. — Stephen Donnelly. [39349/19]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of citizenship applications affected by the recent High Court judgement by a person (details supplied) regarding the continuous residence requirement for those applying for Irish citizenship. — Stephen Donnelly. [39350/19]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of residents in direct provision granted refugee status or subsidiary protection; the cost of retaining these residents in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39351/19]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the name and location of each direct provision and emergency reception and orientation centre being used to accommodate international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39355/19]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when sections of the Judicial Council Act 2019 regarding the personal injuries guidelines committee will be commenced; the specific conditions that need to be in place before the sections are commenced; the reason the sections involving sentencing guidelines and judicial conduct committees have been commenced ahead of the sections involving the personal injuries guidelines committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39391/19]



\*256. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of handguns licensed in the State; and the number of handgun licences issued by Garda district and Garda division in each of the past three years. — John Deasy. [39394/19]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of complaints made to An Garda Síochána against activists protesting against the termination of pregnancy in the vicinity of hospitals, general practitioner offices or other health centres from 1 January 2019 to date in tabular form; the locations of these complaints; the number of arrests made on foot of such complaints; the number of convictions for public order related offences or fixed charge penalty notices issued on foot of such complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [39404/19]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is specific legislation or regulations that those organising underage discos must adhere to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39462/19]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is specific training carried out by the Private Security Authority for door supervisors that work for underage discos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39463/19]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the INIS requirements regarding private medical insurance for non-EEA students undertaking full-time education here; if his attention has been drawn to the recent decision by the Health Insurance Authority regarding the removal of the current policy available; if his Department have been engaging with the Department of Health on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39465/19]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason it takes two to three months to process a visit visa; the causes of the delay; his plans to implement an improved system in relation to the processing of visa applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [39497/19]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of direct provision centres under consideration for development in east County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39513/19]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider an application for a certificate of naturalisation for a person (details supplied) under the provisions of section 15A (2) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39516/19]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of pregnant women that have been cared for in prison in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39524/19]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of babies born to pregnant women in prison in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39525/19]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of ante-natal education care classes the prison service provides to pregnant women that may be in prison during their pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39526/19]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the length of time babies remain in the care of their mothers in prison; the number of babies by ages currently with their mothers in prison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39527/19]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda stations, Garda district offices and Garda vehicles in the Cavan and Monaghan Garda division by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39531/19]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to prohibit or limit the broadcasting of advertisements by gambling companies on television during certain hours of the day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39553/19]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of PSV licences revoked in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39571/19]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of detections of financial crime in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39572/19]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the consultation that took place between his Department and the stakeholders relative to SI 420/2019; if an organisation (details supplied) was involved in the consultation; if the text used by other EU countries was examined when implementing EU directive 2017/853; if the concerns being expressed by stakeholders will be considered; if the SI will be amended accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39585/19]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which a person (details supplied) can regularise themselves when they cannot acquire either a Macedonian or Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39646/19]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding fathers' rights here; his views on fathers' difficulties in securing access to see their children in spite of court orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39650/19]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of efforts taken by his Department, An Garda Síochána and the relevant tax authorities to resolve a matter further to a reply received in response to representations made by this Deputy on behalf of persons regarding the issue of vehicle registration (details supplied); when this Deputy can expect to receive further correspondence in relation to this matter as promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39664/19]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of unaccompanied children seeking asylum residing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39668/19]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the work of the cross-Border crime taskforce; the budget of the task force in 2019; the number of permanent staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [39673/19]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of meetings of the Joint Agency Taskforce on cross-Border crime held per annum since its inception; and the status of the matter. — Niall Collins. [39674/19]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to prohibit the use of sponsorship on children's replica jerseys when that sponsor is a gambling company or promotes gambling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39717/19]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to threats by a group (details supplied) to shut down Dublin city centre for a week in October 2019; the action he plans to take in relation to this possibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39730/19]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of asylum seekers that sought permission to access the labour market; the number of successful applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39735/19]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the non-surrender of driver licences and the lack of prosecutions of those taken to court for this offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39759/19]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the development of the new Garda station in Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [39783/19]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the costs incurred for the provision of criminal and civil legal aid since 1 January 2018 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [39784/19]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons in the international protection process that are housed in emergency accommodation; the number that are children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39799/19]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of emergency accommodation centres in use to house persons in the international protection process; the location of these centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39800/19]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of vulnerability assessments that have been carried out to date on persons in the international protection process in line with obligations under the European Communities (Reception Conditions) Regulations 2018; his views on reports that as of July 2019 no such formal assessments had been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39801/19]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community gardaí serving in An Garda Síochána as of 25 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39831/19]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of convictions under Parts 11 and 13 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006 in each year since the commencement of those parts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39834/19]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the operation of the juvenile diversion programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [39836/19]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay in commencing all parts of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the timeframe for the commencement of the Act in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39843/19]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to address concerns in a new report by an organisation (details supplied) which shows refugee children need more mental health, integration and education supports here through the Irish refugee protection programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39868/19]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress that has been made in relation to the dangerous use of scrambler and quad bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39873/19]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39928/19]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on a report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [39973/19]

*Chun an Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta: To the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.*

\*296. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an application for a work permit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39363/19]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the 2017, 2018 and 2019 budget allocations to the regional enterprise development fund for projects in each county relating to eHubs, enterprise spaces, incubation, food hubs and co-working; the annual amount expended for projects that were allocated funding; the number of applications to the fund relating to eHubs, enterprise spaces, incubation, food hubs and co-working respectively by county in each of the years 2017 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of successful and unsuccessful applications, respectively by county in each year; the approved projects annually in each county; the amount of approved funding to successful applications in each year to date by county; and the number of payments that have issued to date in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [39280/19]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the valid employment permit application processing time by total number of work days in each month in each of the years 2009 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Robert Troy. [39345/19]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the correspondence between her Department and INAB in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39457/19]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the correspondence between her Department and the Department of Health in 2018 and to date in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39458/19]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the correspondence from her or her Department or her advisers with a person (details supplied) or their offices and or their employees in each of the years 2017 to 22 September 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39542/19]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the ranking of 22nd in the EU for Ireland for new start-ups; and her priorities to improve the ranking. — Robert Troy. [39562/19]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the progress being made with the EU in seeking approval for the relaxation of State aid rules. — Robert Troy. [39565/19]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA Ireland facilities being constructed in Dublin in each of the past three years to date; the cost of each facility; the number occupied; the number vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39574/19]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39917/19]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pay restoration for grade 3 and clerical officer that was agreed in March of this year (details supplied) but has not been implemented to date in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39742/19]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39803/19]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the general practitioner visit card to include carers that are in receipt of the carer's support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39972/19]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for approval for new drugs; the way in which this compares to other OECD or EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39267/19]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a hospital appointment; the number of persons ahead of them on the list; his plans to invest in the service to improve the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39286/19]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health the weighting percentages to be used as part of the upcoming HSE FreeStyle Libre review decision making process that will be given to criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39291/19]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health if the reimbursement dataset will cover only current HSE funded users of FreeStyle Libre or if the health technology assessment review will simply compare total blood glucose strip usage spend year on year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39292/19]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in authorising the treatment abroad scheme for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [39294/19]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to incrementally reduce the age limit for a cervical screening test which is currently available to women aged 25 years and over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39295/19]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an assessment of needs in the CH04 area; the length of time they are waiting; the details of the assessment of needs process; if it is desktop based; if not, if the child is actually seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39298/19]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an ASD assessment as opposed to an assessment of needs in the CH04 area; the length of time they are waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39299/19]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays in securing approved homecare services for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if supports will commence and be made available to the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39301/19]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health if the training allowance payment to disability allowance recipients will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [38313/19]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions made to streamline the registration of doctors from the UK, the Netherlands, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand with the national doctors training programme and the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39311/19]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a CT scan at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39314/19]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the cross-Border directive in each year since its inception; the cost of reimbursements for same in each year since its inception; the number of claims awaiting reimbursement as of 1 September 2019; the estimated cost in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39320/19]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39322/19]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the status of works at a community hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39323/19]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the publication of the Review of Pricing System for Long-Term Residential Care Facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39325/19]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to progress the stand-alone chemotherapy unit at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39329/19]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person to the oncologist post at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39330/19]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person to the cardiologist post at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39331/19]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health when the national Traveller health action plan will be published in view of the fact that a commitment was given to publish same by the end of March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [39341/19]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to withdraw funding for the medication simponi used in the treatment of ulcerative colitis under the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39347/19]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the number of inspections that EHOs have undertaken of service stations; if they are inspected as regularly as restaurants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39356/19]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39357/19]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the motorised transport grant scheme; and when details of a new scheme will be announced. — Martin Heydon. [39364/19]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the mobility allowance; and when details of a new scheme will be announced. — Martin Heydon. [39365/19]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39366/19]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on agency staff to date and the amount of same spent on mental health agency staff. — James Browne. [39375/19]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for cataract surgery for a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [39376/19]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39381/19]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health when the new audit of CervicalCheck will commence; if it will commence from the date the previous audit finished in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [39386/19]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health if grant funding will be provided for renovations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39387/19]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will secure treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [39388/19]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to staff a care home (details supplied) for young men with intellectual disabilities following the generous donation of a house for this purpose. — Stephen Donnelly. [39397/19]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of all correspondence between his Department and the HSE regarding University Hospital Limerick since 1 January 2017 will be provided. — Alan Kelly. [39403/19]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds opened at University Hospital Kerry in 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39409/19]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide all correspondence between his Department and BreastCheck from 2017 to 22 September 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39410/19]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be made available for physiotherapy services in Louth County Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39414/19]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health the status of planned progress of the block at Sligo University Hospital in view of the urgent need for increases in bed capacity at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39416/19]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health when a home support package will be put in place for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [39421/19]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the HSE consider the introduction of new UV technology such as a unit (details supplied) in State hospitals nationally as a mechanism to combat the spread of infections such as MRSA and flu; if his attention has been drawn to the results of such devices from UK hospitals such as a hospital which show reductions in infections by 46% and reduced bed closures of 89%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39430/19]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a decision by the Health Insurance Authority that will see a significant rise in the cost of international students' private medical insurance; if his Department has assessed the policies the other providers can provide; the estimated increased cost; if those policies will include repatriation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39440/19]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered amending the Health Insurance Acts to remove international students from the definition of health insurance contract in the same way that



other temporary residents are excluded regarding the decision by the Health Insurance Authority that will likely lead to a significant increase in the cost of private medical insurance for international students studying here and in view of the lack of clarity on other policies that include repatriation available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39441/19]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the provision of the new 50 bed unit in Portiuncula Hospital, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39442/19]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reviews of doctors taking place in Portiuncula Hospital, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39443/19]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists employed by the HSE and or children's physiotherapy services in County Galway; if there are vacancies for physiotherapists treating children in the county; if so, the number of such vacancies; the length of time that each vacancy existed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39444/19]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the community general adult staffing levels in CHO2 as recommended in a Vision for Change in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39445/19]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health the involvement he or his Department has had in the preparation of the clean air strategy; the organisations he has consulted with in relation to the strategy; the meetings he has held with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39446/19]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health the start date for the new endocrinologist for the paediatric diabetes service in Cork University Hospital; the management plans in place to assist the almost 100 teenagers to transition into adult diabetes services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39461/19]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for treatment types (details supplied) in CHO 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39480/19]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health if the waiting time of a person (details supplied) will be investigated; and the overall waiting times for the service. — Joan Collins. [39484/19]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health if an updated report will be provided on the number of vacant posts unfilled in each of the Departments in Letterkenny University Hospital; the type of posts in this regard; the number of these which are unfilled due to the current employment embargo; the number of vacant posts that have been advertised; the number which are vacant but not currently advertised for filling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [39486/19]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health when a new MRI scanner will be provided for University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [39514/19]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health when a new contract between the HSE and a union (details supplied) will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [39529/19]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a referral for a person (details supplied); the average wait time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39534/19]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health if a request for an increased home support package will be given an urgent review for a person (details supplied) who is on a waitlist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [39536/19]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to ocrelizumab being made available to persons with multiple sclerosis; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39549/19]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the commencement of the minimum unit pricing provisions of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; when these provisions will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39550/19]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the reason training recognition for registrars in otolaryngology at University Hospital Limerick was withdrawn following a visit by a member of the surgical advisory committee in otolaryngology on 27 August 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [39551/19]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the status of licensing of the Tagrisso osimertinib drug used for treatment of certain lung cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39554/19]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of audiologist will be filled at the Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar; the length of time the post has been vacant; and the measures put in place to ensure patients that rely on this service will avail of same. — Robert Troy. [39555/19]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments outsourced to the private sector under the NTPF in 2019; the number of these patients that had full treatment in the private sector; and the number back in the public system for outpatient treatment in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [39576/19]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which European health insurance cards will be delivered to persons in Northern Ireland as committed to; and the way in which the applications process will work. — Louise O'Reilly. [39577/19]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant fluctuations in the waiting list for placements under the nursing homes support scheme fair deal in 2019 (details supplied); the number of persons in the scheme; if additional places have been provided during the past three months; if further funding has been provided during that time above the increase scheduled in the 2019 HSE Service Plan; the number of persons waiting for approval under the scheme as of 25 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39578/19]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health if approved home help hours will be facilitated for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [39580/19]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for an operation will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39581/19]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be expedited to prevent the closure of a service (details supplied); if the reason for the shortfall in funding over the past five years which has led to the financial crisis causing the threatened closure will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39582/19]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of business cases submitted to the HSE from a service (details supplied) that are still being processed without an indication being given to the service of the timeline for each decision; if the funding required by the service will be calculated and provided as a matter of urgency; if two emergency respite beds for clients of the service will be urgently provided in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39583/19]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by his Department that earn less than the living wage of €12.30 per hour. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39597/19]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to out-of-hours care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39601/19]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health if a facility (details supplied) is in use; the date of the construction of the facility; the capacity of same; if the HSE plans to make greater use of the facility in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39602/19]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to expand the newborn screening programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39606/19]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding mandatory vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39616/19]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the significant gap which exists between the funding requirements of a service provider (details supplied) in County Donegal and the core funding allocated to the organisation in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39619/19]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health if some of the workload from the local health office in Ballinasloe, County Galway will be allocated to health offices in west County Galway or Galway city on an interim basis in order to clear the backlog of applications awaiting approval under the HSE community ophthalmic services scheme for medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [39643/19]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39645/19]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health support services available for inpatients in each hospital nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39648/19]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the weighting percentages to be used as part of the upcoming HSE FreeStyle Libre review decision making process that will be given to criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [39651/19]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health if the reimbursement dataset specifically covers only current HSE-funded users of FreeStyle Libre; if the health technology assessment review will compare total blood glucose strip usage spend year on year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [39652/19]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation for a hip replacement for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; if Waterford University Hospital will prioritise the case in view of its urgency and the fact that their quality of life is extremely poor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39661/19]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost to date in 2019 as a result of delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39669/19]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the East Coast Drugs and Task Force has been without an outreach officer for some time; the provisions being made by the HSE to recruit a replacement; the estimated timeframe for the appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39678/19]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update knowledge and skills in relation to the diagnosis, management and treatment of ME for medical professionals working in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39696/19]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the lack of standardised diagnosis, management and treatment of patients with ME; the impact this has on persons with the condition; his plans to put in place a comprehensive review of the way in which ME is diagnosed, managed and treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39697/19]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the demonstrated need for a dedicated ME medical facility and department to diagnose, manage and treat persons with the condition; the steps he will take to establish same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39698/19]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an increase in the number of children presenting with symptoms that fit a diagnosis of ME and the lack of paediatric professionals with knowledge of the way in which to diagnose, manage and treat the condition in children; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39699/19]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national HSE policy for assessment and provision of powered mobility equipment, for example, powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39705/19]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be moved to a more appropriate setting in which they can obtain the treatment they require. — Denise Mitchell. [39721/19]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new intensive care unit proposed for Tallaght University Hospital; the funding allocated for the project; if the construction and development of the project has been allocated funding over the next two years beyond design stage funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39732/19]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures made to his Department in relation to the NMBI in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number ongoing; the year in which each protected disclosure was initially made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39736/19]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the weighting percentages to be used as part of the upcoming HSE FreeStyle Libre Group review decision making process that will be given to criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [39740/19]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health if the reimbursement dataset will specifically cover only current HSE funded users of the FreeStyle Libre device; if not, if the Health Technology Assessment Group review will compare total blood glucose strip usage spend year on year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [39741/19]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment to see a plastic surgeon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39743/19]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body with whom responsibility for transport to hospital appointments rest in cases in which a person is a long-stay in a nursing home under the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39746/19]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for medical centres to choose the price for paid parking outside the centres; if the costs of healthcare facilities nationwide are bound to charge the same rates for parking on their grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39755/19]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health if a paid parking increase of double its original costs at a local health centre (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39756/19]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 449 of 28 May 2019, to which the HSE failed to respond, when a child (details supplied) in County Mayo can expect an appointment with early intervention services namely occupational therapy, psychology and speech and language therapy; the reason appointments for the child with these services has been delayed; if an appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39762/19]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health the start date for the new endocrinologist for the paediatric diabetes service in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39785/19]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health the management plans in place to help teenage patients transition into adult diabetes services at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39786/19]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent to date on providing free contraceptives as promised during the referendum on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution; the quantity and type of contraceptive purchased for a free contraceptive scheme; and the location in which persons can access these free contraceptives. — Bríd Smith. [39791/19]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health when a HSE service (details supplied) will reopen. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39794/19]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the financial difficulties which the six members of voluntary hospital groups currently find themselves in providing palliative care services in view of the difficulties experienced operating as section 39 organisations whilst also implementing the increases of the most recent pay deal; if this issue will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39797/19]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the orthodontic appointment referral for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39805/19]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health the commencement dates of the medical cannabis access programme; and when the first patients will be referred to the pilot programme. — Gino Kenny. [39807/19]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding women’s sexual health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39809/19]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Health if hospital capacity will be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39810/19]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the application for reimbursement of the drug Tagrisso; if the NCPE will consider recommending the drug for reimbursement in the future based on the clinical need and the fact there are no other drugs available to treat this type of cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39812/19]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Health if the HPV vaccination which is already available for girls born in 2004 will become available for boys born in 2004. — Thomas Byrne. [39816/19]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Health the conditions which are eligible for the long-term illness scheme; his plans to review the scheme with a view to adding more conditions to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39820/19]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Crohn’s disease is not eligible for the long-term illness scheme; his plans to review the scheme with a view to adding more conditions to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39821/19]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the extension of the newborn screening programme to cover forty illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39842/19]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to meet with a group (details supplied) which was promised at the last meeting with the group in March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [39861/19]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address issues raised in a new report by an organisation (details supplied) into supports for children through the Irish refugee protection programme and reports by numerous stakeholders that children have considerable oral health needs but that there are challenges in accessing appropriate services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39870/19]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1304 of 6 September 2019, if he is satisfied that 363 persons waited over a month to be discharged from hospital and 79 persons that were ready to be discharged have waited over six months in hospital to be discharged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39872/19]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health when the HTA review team will make a decision on extending the availability of FreeStyle Libre to all type 1 diabetic patients irrespective of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [39874/19]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health the differences in the way in which different pension products and funds are assessed, both in terms of income and capital, as part of the financial assessment of an application under the nursing home support scheme with particular regard to the treatment of an approved retirement fund, of a private annuity pension or a public service pension; his plans to make changes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39875/19]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health when the more than 90 type 1 diabetes young adults and teenagers attending Cork University Hospital will be transitioned from the paediatric diabetes services to the adult diabetes services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [39881/19]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health when the newly appointed paediatric endocrinologist will commence at Cork University Hospital; and the date on which they will commence. — Michael Collins. [39882/19]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the extension of the three year cap under the fair deal scheme to farms and small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [39883/19]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39926/19]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39938/19]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the waiting list at University Hospital Waterford waiting to see an Endocrinologist up to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, 36 to 48 and more than 48 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39957/19]

*Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.*

\*430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to regulate the provision of horse-drawn carriages for hire in Dublin in view of concerns for animal welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39726/19]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied) in County Cork under the BEAM payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39283/19]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of live cattle export volumes by destination both EU and third countries respectively over the past five years. — John Deasy. [39302/19]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live cattle export shipments by port of origin over the past five years. — John Deasy. [39303/19]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made to secure and source existing and new markets for live cattle exports including discussions with port authorities and exporters. — John Deasy. [39304/19]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated from Exchequer funding to support the establishment of producer organisations in each sector in each of the years 2016 to 2019 in tabular form; and the annual amount drawn down in each sector to date in 2019. — Charlie McConalogue. [39342/19]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a payment; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39385/19]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39515/19]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm penalty appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39671/19]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39680/19]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in processing an ANC application for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39701/19]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39802/19]



\*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an ANC payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39814/19]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39827/19]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [39884/19]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the concerns of councillors will be addressed (details supplied) in view of the severe income pressure on farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39885/19]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an ANC payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39890/19]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39916/19]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); if a small discretion can be made for the minor omission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [39954/19]

*Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.*

\*449. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of houses nationwide in need of retrofit by retrofit scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39384/19]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the actions to be taken (details supplied) following on from the 2019 EPA report Urban Environmental Indicators Nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin in which indicators show NO<sub>2</sub> levels in urban areas may be over the EU limit of 40ug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39592/19]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the commitments made by Ireland on climate change at the UN Climate Action Summit. — Micheál Martin. [39631/19]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to review the policy on the imposition of a levy on commercial incineration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39287/19]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the delay in the roll out of broadband in the Canningstown area (details supplied) Shercock, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39358/19]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of a prospecting licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39359/19]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to request that a company (details supplied) surrender a prospecting licence in view of its declaration that it no longer has an interest in a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39360/19]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the Minerals Development Act 2017 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39361/19]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times representatives of his Department have met with mining companies in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39362/19]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 1497 of 6 September 2019 (details supplied), if he will address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39395/19]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the Broadband service being provided to persons (details supplied) will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [39396/19]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if, prior to the privatisation of a company (details supplied), two financial reports or audits were produced which showed significantly different financial positions; and if copies of both will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39420/19]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his engagement at European level on child safety measures relating to online content; the proposals being considered to enhance child safety measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39436/19]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the clean air strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39437/19]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the delay in the publication of the clean air strategy; the organisations he has consulted with in relation to the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39438/19]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his engagement with technology and media companies in relation to child safety measures relating to online content; the proposals being considered to enhance child safety measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39439/19]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39509/19]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the implementation of the smoky fuel ban here particularly in County Wexford; when he plans to implement a nationwide ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39537/19]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount allocated to the climate action fund in the first round; when the next round of funding will be announced; the value of the fund; the percentage of the funding for public sector applications under the first round allocations; and the percentage allocated to private industry. — Robert Troy. [39567/19]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the current levy to fund the National Oil Reserve Agency; the amount raised in each year since 2007 from the levy; the cost of running the Agency each year since 2007; the legislative parameters enabling the charging of a levy to fund the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39589/19]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount held in the National Oil Reserve Agency; if he is considering transferring this money to the climate action fund; if his Department has considered potential state aid implications in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39590/19]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the delivery of a legally robust smoky coal ban which will improve air quality and was promised in early April 2019. — Dara Calleary. [39600/19]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the SEAI deep retrofit scheme 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39667/19]

\*472. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil cén sciar den cheadúnas teilifíse a thugtar do RTÉ, do TG4 agus don Chiste Craolacháin faoi seach; cén bunús ar a ndéantar an t-airgead sin a roinnt; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [39706/19]

\*473. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an bhfuil iarratas déanta ag TG4 ar mhéadú ar an maoiniú a fhaigheann siad ón Roinn don bhliain 2020; má tá, cad é an méid airgid atá iarrtha agus cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar an iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [39707/19]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the current and capital expenditure allocations to TG4 in each years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [39708/19]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of licences for oil and gas exploration issued in each of the past five years; if oil and gas exploration will be phased out in the Irish and Celtic Sea; if so, the date from which and if no further oil exploration licenses will be available in the Atlantic sea. — Bríd Smith. [39792/19]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans to introduce a nationwide ban on smoky coal; and the areas covered by such a ban. — Róisín Shortall. [39808/19]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if cost mitigation measures will be introduced on domestic electricity rates to incentivise the purchase of more electric cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [39829/19]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made to date on extending the smoky coal ban nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39864/19]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to address the rising levels of pollution in view of the report by the Environmental Protection Agency which found air pollution is responsible for an estimated 1,180 premature deaths here each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39865/19]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to meet air quality targets in view of the report by the Environmental Protection Agency that warned parts of Dublin city centre are likely to breach EU and World Health Organisation guidelines for air quality in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39866/19]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39919/19]

*Chun an Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.*

\*482. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the recourse Irish consumers and businesses have regarding holiday bookings made with a company (details supplied) that has ceased trading. — Robert Troy. [39281/19]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider introducing a grant or capital allowance scheme in order to assist road haulage companies to transition their fleet

to more carbon neutral Euro VI standard vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39528/19]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the matter will be referred to the RSA for investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39282/19]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an emergency review of ways to alleviate congestion on the N11 will be commissioned in view of the ongoing worsening congestion on the N11 during peak-traffic periods, the hardship endured by commuters stuck in traffic jams and the hours lost to businesses in terms of employees delayed by traffic on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39285/19]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of feasibility studies carried out on transport routes in each of the past five years and the cost of each study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39288/19]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of all works underway and planned on the N11 including estimated delivery time in the context of the rapidly deteriorating congestion situation on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39293/19]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for a decision to be made on an existing application for a public swimming pool to be built with in west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39297/19]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of representations made by the Minister for Health for funding to provide a community swimming pool in west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [39307/19]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of tests carried out and the maximum number that could have been carried out had they been at full capacity during the past 12 months with regard to NCT centres (details supplied). — Jonathan O'Brien. [39308/19]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the progress of implementing the Shannon Foynes Port Company Vision 2014 master plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39371/19]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the €34 million in funding promised for the Ardee bypass can be ring-fenced in order that the project will not lose out if funding is needed elsewhere in the interim period in view of the fact that there is a proposal for a review of the scheme design for the Ardee Bypass in advance of progressing to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39398/19]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the deadline for persons here driving with UK licences in order to swap their licence for an Irish licence in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39399/19]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the applications made for funding under the sports capital programme for the 2018/2019 funding round in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [39405/19]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the applications made for funding under the sports capital programme for the 2018/2019 funding round for County Dublin. — Sean Sherlock. [39407/19]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the applications that were made for all forms of funding under the Sports Capital Programme for the 2018/2019 funding round for County Tipperary in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [39412/19]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all internal correspondence between persons (details supplied) will be published. — Alan Kelly. [39456/19]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the correspondence between the Secretary General of his Department and the Secretary General of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to 22 September 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39459/19]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter in relation to a grant awarded to a club (details supplied) will be investigated with the sports capital section of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39464/19]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of staff employed in each division of his Department by grade. — Marc MacSharry. [39487/19]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a cost estimate of the administrative cost of establishing a new division within his Department will be provided. — Marc MacSharry. [39488/19]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of hiring an additional economist and statistician, respectively, to his Department. — Marc MacSharry. [39489/19]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to Fáilte Ireland in 2019. — Marc MacSharry. [39490/19]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to Tourism Ireland in 2019. — Marc MacSharry. [39491/19]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has conducted studies into the tourism potential of State-owned heritage buildings and sites such as OPW sites. — Marc MacSharry. [39492/19]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1623, 1624, 1625 and 1626 of 6 September 2019, the number of times he has met with the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to a no-deal Brexit and contingency planning for this eventuality; and the number of times he has met with the Minister for Defence and or the Minister of State with special responsibility for Defence in relation to a no-deal Brexit and contingency planning for this eventuality; the number of times he or his officials have met with representatives

from the Department of Justice and Equality in relation to planning for a no-deal Brexit; and the number of times he or his officials have met with representatives from the Department of Defence in relation to a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39493/19]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a grace period extended to Irish citizens that hold UK driver licences but are unable to swap their licences before 31 October 2019, for example, if they will be residing abroad until December 2019. — Marc MacSharry. [39494/19]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the average processing time for a driver licence swap. — Marc MacSharry. [39495/19]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and dates that he has met with the Taoiseach to discuss the recognition of UK driver licences in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39496/19]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the service that is out of order at a train station (details supplied); the length of time it is out of order; and the timeline for it to be repaired. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39511/19]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will introduce a system in which persons with a travel pass can book seats on Irish Rail trains in view of the fact the current system is leading to situations whereby sick and elderly persons are left standing long distances on trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39548/19]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce a leap 90 discount scheme in the wider Cork area to complement the proposals in the CMATS strategy. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [39552/19]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to an application by a group (details supplied) for funding under the sports capital funds for a new gymnasium. — Robert Troy. [39559/19]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of roads (details supplied) in the context of allocated budget to date; the expected budget required to bring them to completion; the timeframe for each stage of the scheme. — Robert Troy. [39561/19]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received concerns from the tourism industry regarding the potential negative consequences on the sector owing to the new limits introduced with respect to cruise ship traffic using facilities at Dublin Port; if he has received requests from port authorities for additional funding in order to upgrade and or expand harbour capacity with the view to accommodating a greater number of cruise ships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39586/19]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the TII sanctioned road projects for which full permissions have been granted by all planning and statutory bodies and in which all land needed has been acquired and for which funding has been provided in capital expenditure plans which have subsequently been reviewed by TII in the past five years with subsequent delays in construction; the reason for such a delay in each case by TII; the new timeline expected for construction; the original expected cost of the project; the new expected cost if known; the process by which delays reviews are sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39665/19]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the tendering process for stage II of the Dunkettle interchange upgrade project; and the fast tracking or procurement for same. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39703/19]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the route study for the M20 Cork to Limerick motorway. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39704/19]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when funding for the Pettigo to Laghey road R232 in County Donegal will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39713/19]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NTA plans to regulate the provision of horse-drawn carriages for hire in the Dublin city area. — Bríd Smith. [39719/19]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will conduct a review of the regulation governing the use of horse-drawn carriages for hire in the Dublin city area and specifically the monitoring of the welfare of animals used and the qualifications of those providing the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39720/19]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of on the evaluation of the provision of a LocalLink service from Bailieborough, Virginia, Ballyjamesduff and Cavan towns; his plans to ensure such a service is implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39722/19]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the preparations of his Department for Brexit; the steps he will take to prevent gridlock in the vicinity of key ports and airports here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39760/19]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has allocated specific funding or resources to attracting tourists from the Chinese market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39776/19]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the considerable capacity issues across the public transport system; and the steps he will take in the short to medium-term to address same. — Marc MacSharry. [39777/19]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the transport system most notably at major entry and exit points is adequately prepared for the ramifications of a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39778/19]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged with his Cabinet colleagues and UK counterparts to ensure that returning emigrants that hold UK licences will continue to be able to swap their licences for an Irish driver licence even in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39779/19]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered establishing a transport security unit to tackle widespread and dangerous antisocial behaviour on public transport and at public transport hubs. — Marc MacSharry. [39780/19]



\*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Cork County Council has made applications to the safety improvement grants scheme for 2020; and the details of these applications especially relating to Rostellan and the R630 in east County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [39804/19]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour on Irish Rail services in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39822/19]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour on Bus Éireann services in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39823/19]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour on Dublin Bus services in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39824/19]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour on Luas services in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39825/19]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour on DART services in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39826/19]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding is available for the upgrading of roads specifically located along the Wild Atlantic Way; if he will consider upgrading a road (details supplied) in County Donegal due to its significant location along the Wild Atlantic Way in an effort to further develop tourism in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39832/19]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department sought and received legal advice before removing the Public Services Card as a requirement for certain applications to the National Driver Licence Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39839/19]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the northern distributor road from Coonagh Cross to the R445 on the outskirts of Limerick city; the funding allocated to progress the scheme in 2019; the funding indicated for future years in the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [39841/19]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the investigations undertaken by MetroLink, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority and organisations or individuals employed by these bodies into the feasibility of rerouting sewer lines in the area of the proposed Tara Street station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39852/19]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the investigation Dublin City Council, MetroLink, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority and organisations or individuals employed by these bodies have undertaken in relation to the possible uses and disposal of a proposed vacant site (details supplied) which would be created if the current preferred plan for

the Tara Street station were to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39853/19]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason certain submissions regarding BusConnects from residents of Mountjoy Square were not considered as part of the consultation process; his views on the concerns of residents regarding the impact of BusConnects on their communities and in relation to the submission process itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39856/19]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a review or study has ever been undertaken by Dublin Bus to access the difficulties experienced by commuters in inner suburbs of the city centre with overcrowded buses many of which originate in distant suburbs; if his attention has been drawn to the frustration for commuters when numerous busses pass by in the morning unable to stop due to being at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [39857/19]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether there is ambition in the bus procurement strategy of the NTA for the coming years to transition to zero emission buses rather than low emission diesel hybrid buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39867/19]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to develop the Norman way in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [36521/19]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the full cost for construction and delivery of the M2 to north of Ashbourne, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [39886/19]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39932/19]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the closure of a company (details supplied) in Ballymena, County Antrim and the possible impact this will have on the supply of buses for public transport here. — Ruth Coppinger. [39975/19]

*Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.*

\*547. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason funding was not provided to a service (details supplied) in order to stop it from closing; if Pobal will now outline its plans to ensure the 21 staff members and 99 children that use the service can return to the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39406/19]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to replace the public services card as a requirement for those applying for the national childcare scheme on-line from October 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39328/19]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in crèche and childcare; the individual annual subsidy on average per child; the annual subsidy in the sector; the number of preschool children that are not in childcare that are being cared for by their parents; the level of financial supports they receive other than children's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [39382/19]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 227 and 228 of 19 September 2019, the number of registrations of children the total amount of overclaimed funding represents which was identified by Pobal as €3.2 million in CCS and €2.5 million in CCSP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [39419/19]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the provisions in place for community care homes in County Kilkenny facing a deficit in 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [39422/19]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if community care homes are part of Sláinte care. — Kathleen Funchion. [39423/19]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to set up a national fund to help community care homes with the cost of improvements and upgrades as a result of HIQA visits. — Kathleen Funchion. [39424/19]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the implementation of the recommendations from the first report of the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes published in April 2019 with particular reference to the progress made on those recommendations related to health and well-being supports. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39428/19]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to legal action being pursued by Tusla against a company (details supplied) based on the material gathered during a programme aired in July 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39466/19]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of funding paid to a company (details supplied) in Dublin in 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, to each of its centres in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39468/19]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are persons accused of historical child sex abuse that have worked or volunteered for agencies that have received State funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39469/19]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of early years services that Tusla has applied conditions to upon granting their registration or re-registration by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39470/19]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time Tusla has been working on a memorandum of understanding with An Garda Síochána; when it is due to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39471/19]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla has developed an internal risk rating system for use by the early years inspectorate when assessing early years services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39472/19]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of instances of unsolicited information have been received by Tusla that were rated as critical or high; the number of these triggered an inspection by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39473/19]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number and location of hostels or emergency hostel-style accommodation approved by Tusla for the placement of children; the number, age and length of stay of children currently in such accommodation in tabular form; the number, age and length of stay of children in such accommodation in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the reason for the placement of children in such accommodation; the procedures in place for ensuring the safety of children living in such accommodation; the educational and social supports available to children in such accommodation; her plans to provide funding for 24-hour services as part of such accommodation; her views on the appropriateness of such accommodation provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39467/19]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of adults and children in Tusla-funded domestic violence refuges in 2017. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39477/19]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the efforts made since 2016 and which continue to be made to make childcare more affordable to employed parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39478/19]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the efforts she is making towards the improving pay and condition for childcare staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39479/19]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff employed by her Department that earn less than the living wage of €12.30 per hour. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39598/19]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of social workers employed by Tusla in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of agency staff hired as social workers; the amount spent on staff and agency staff, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39723/19]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the length of time each of the 37 creches deemed as critical by Tusla have been classed as such; the length of time each of these creches has been working its way through the regulation process, from inspection stage through to national registration panel and onto enforcement stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39724/19]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is considering the introduction of immediate powers of closure as a tool for Tusla for its inspection of early years services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39725/19]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to her statements in Dáil Éireann on 28 May 2019 (details supplied), the area in which the additional €50 million planned to increase capacity in the childcare system is accounted for within Budget 2019 as stated by her in view of the fact that the expenditure allocations outlined for 2019 and 2020 for her Department do not indicate such a funding increase is provided for within the scope of Budget 2019; and if she plans to seek the additional funding through the remit of Budget 2020. — Anne Rabbitte. [39744/19]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39918/19]

*Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.*

\*572. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his attention has been drawn to the threat to the viability of a centre (details supplied) which provides vital community services such as creche facilities and youth projects; if assistance will be provided to the community centre to cover the cost of essential fire safety and structural remedial works and to continue to operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [39539/19]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to the Leader groups in south west and northern areas of County Cork when distributing the additional funding of €5 million to Leader areas (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [39644/19]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will consider providing funding of €1,000,000 over a three year period to an association (details supplied); if he will consider a multi-departmental approach to the awarding of such funding; if his attention has been drawn to the benefits that would accrue from this small investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [39663/19]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress on the pilot scheme to encourage residential occupancy in rural towns and villages as committed to under the Action Plan for Rural Development; the funding allocated to each local authority participating to engage with communities and local businesses to identify practical solutions to increase the number of persons living in rural towns; and the amount drawn down to date by each local authority. — Dara Calleary. [39709/19]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39930/19]

*Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.*

\*577. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer’s allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39327/19]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to introduce an employment support scheme for the most adversely affected sectors following Brexit; and if so, when she will announce the criteria for same. — Robert Troy. [39566/19]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the 2008 Labour Court recommendation regarding pensions for community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39787/19]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision will be expedited on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39277/19]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the inability of those on Tús, RSS or gateway schemes to have their fuel allowance payment paid in two lump sum payments rather than receiving the payment weekly during the fuel season; and if she plans to make changes to the system to allow two lump sum payments be made to the recipients that are on Tús, RSS or gateway schemes. — Thomas Byrne. [39279/19]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is no longer receiving a living alone allowance; if it will be reinstated in order that they can apply for the household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39300/19]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the monthly number of public services cards issued since the programme was launched; the body which administered and or initiated the process on behalf of the person being registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39313/19]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a disability allowance rate review will be completed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39316/19]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Tom Neville. [39319/19]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a domiciliary care allowance application by persons (details supplied) will be assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [39321/19]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated number of persons considered bogusly self-employed to date in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [39337/19]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider the provision of €10,000 funding in order to save crucial community services (details supplied) including rehabilitation training and development opportunities for persons that are in recovery from drug and alcohol misuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [39373/19]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a working family payment application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39383/19]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a claim for illness benefit in respect of a person (details supplied) will be processed to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39392/19]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39418/19]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a claim for illness benefit in respect of a person (details supplied) will be processed to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39429/19]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the maximum rate of pension; if details of the award will be provided; when the first payment will issue; and if the award will be backdated to the date of eligibility. — Tom Neville. [39517/19]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if discussions with her British Government equivalent will be held in order to consider the possibility of allowing the free travel scheme to be utilised in the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [39532/19]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications received in 2018 and to date in 2019; the number of applications approved and refused, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39573/19]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision on a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [39649/19]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress made to implement a fully functioning homeless persons unit in counties Kildare, Wicklow and Meath; the strategic planning that has been undertaken to deal with the identified demand for such a unit; the way in which the data is being collated; the other stakeholders involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39658/19]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to implement a homeless persons support unit in counties Kildare, Meath and Wicklow to cope with the increasing number of homeless persons presenting; the way in which the service will accommodate the interim support needs of this cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39659/19]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to establish a welfare officer as a point of contact for homeless persons in counties Kildare, Wicklow and Meath to enable homeless families to obtain help with social protection claims in circumstances in which no address provision is available; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that no homeless

persons unit exists in this region to advise and assist persons in this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [39660/19]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39672/19]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [39675/19]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39695/19]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [39700/19]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if the case will be processed. — Tom Neville. [39702/19]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which and the location the data contained on the public services card is stored; the companies used to store the data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39819/19]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39840/19]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications made to the District Court by her Department for orders directing that contributions be paid by liable relatives in circumstances in which the liable relative fails to make a contribution towards the cost of the one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39845/19]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications made to the District Court by her Department for an attachment of earnings order made against a liable relative in circumstances in which the liable relative fails to make a contribution towards the cost of the one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [39846/19]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of letters issued to State pension (contributory) recipients as part of the ongoing review of the increase for qualified adult payment payable with the pension. — John Brady. [39847/19]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons referred to JobPath in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019. — John Brady. [39848/19]



\*611. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount paid to JobPath providers since 2015. — John Brady. [39849/19]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons that commenced employment through JobPath since its introduction; and the number of those sustained in that employment for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks, respectively. — John Brady. [39850/19]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of part-time jobs commenced through JobPath since its introduction. — John Brady. [39851/19]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the provision in the Water Services Act 2014 to cease the collection of PPSN numbers was not commenced until four years after the Act became law; the reason Irish Water is legally entitled to collect PPSN numbers from persons for four years after the Act's enactment; and the further reason it took Irish Water four years to delete the data in view of the fact it took Irish Water eight weeks to collect the numbers. — Peadar Tóibín. [39862/19]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a review of a State pension (contributory) application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39887/19]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 519 of 24 September 2019, if the winter fuel payment from the UK will continue to be paid to persons living here that currently receive it post-Brexit in scenarios in which a deal is reached and not reached, respectively. — John Brady. [39891/19]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the dietary requirements provided for in each school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39911/19]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the religious dietary restrictions provided for in each school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39912/19]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if coeliac disease is provided for within the school meals programmes; the number of schools which do not meet dietary requirements for pupils with the condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39913/19]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39923/19]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [39936/19]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the hours a carer can work per week from 15 to 18.5 hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39971/19]

*Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.*

\*623. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the impact on the construction and housing market from a no-deal Brexit was included in the Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union Contingency Action Plan Update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39274/19]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when funding will be announced for a new group water scheme (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39276/19]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the first fix free programme promoted by Irish Water has been put on hold for the remainder for 2019; if so, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39339/19]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the provision of funding and grants to persons to upgrade their domestic septic tanks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [39340/19]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of applications granted under the repair and leasing scheme; the number of applications refused; the number of applications refused on the basis that there is no social housing demand for the property in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39352/19]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the correspondence between his Department and Tipperary County Council between 1 May 2016 and 22 September 2019. — Alan Kelly. [39460/19]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019 by county on emergency accommodation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39500/19]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the affordable housing scheme will be open to applicants in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39501/19]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of affordable houses built under an affordable housing scheme which would not include standard local authority housing, HAP or rent supplement in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 by scheme in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [39502/19]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the report into alleged planning irregularities in County Donegal will be published; and the action he plans to take arising from the contents of the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39599/19]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the fees and expenses paid to each member of the management board of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management in each of the years 2013 to 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39618/19]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 554 of 24 September 2019, if a local authority (details supplied) has applied for a licence for the removal or disturbance of beach material from State-owned foreshore in the administrative area of the local authority as per section 3 of the Foreshore Acts 1933 to 2014; if so, if the license has been granted; if a copy of the license is available; if not, if the matter will be addressed with the local authority with a view to regularising the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39666/19]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce regulations for a tenancy deposit protection scheme; and if his Department has commenced work on the development of such a scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39727/19]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the review of AHBs not signed up to the voluntary regulation code for approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39774/19]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the quality standards framework inspection regime for emergency homeless accommodation; and when the framework will be in place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39788/19]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the homeless housing assistance payment maximum monthly allowable rent limits for the Dublin City Council area are set by his Department; if so, the rates set for each household type; if not, the person or body responsible for setting the homeless HAP maximum monthly allowable rent limits for the Dublin City Council for each household type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39789/19]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the roll out of choice based letting across all local authorities as per page 5 of the guidance document issued in December 2016 (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [39798/19]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated to the pyrite remediation scheme and expended, respectively in each of the years 2013 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39854/19]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated to the pyrite remediation scheme for 2019; the amount spent to date; the projected underspend or overspend at year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [39855/19]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a maximum number of housing units that a local authority may purchase from a private developer; and if there is a maximum value of individual units beyond which a local authority may not purchase. — John Lahart. [39859/19]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the rules governing the purchase of residential units in new developments by local authorities. — John Lahart. [39860/19]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the roll-out and take-up of the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme announced in February 2019 and for which the deadline for applications was 14 March 2019; the number of applicants successful and unsuccessful by local authority area for each measure under the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [39863/19]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the new Irish Water pipe from Staleen to Ratoath, County Meath will be complete; and the budget allocated for this new pipeline. — Shane Cassells. [39914/19]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the population statistics provided by the Central Statistics Office are accurate; and the reason did he not accept them in the preparation of the National Planning Framework in view of the fact that the statistics used are now shown to have major discrepancies. — Shane Cassells. [39915/19]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by his Department or an agency under the remit of his Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39927/19]

*Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.*

\*648. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the position regarding houseboats; if there are mooring locations available in Leinster; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39538/19]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the role her Department has in the allocation of grant assistance to a centre (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [39544/19]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2017 will be debated and enacted. — Robert Troy. [39557/19]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when her Department last conducted a grey seal survey; the outcome of same; her plans to introduce a grey seal management plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [39541/19]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she will take to rebalance the budget to Údarás na Gaeltachta to ensure it can fulfil its obligations in supporting job creation in areas suffering from a disproportionate level of unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [39560/19]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a list and map will be provided identifying all UNESCO sites in south County Louth and County Meath; and if a list and map identifying all historical sites in the counties that do not come under UNESCO will be provided. — Imelda Munster. [39677/19]

\*654. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil iarratas déanta ag Údarás na Gaeltachta ar mhéadú ar an maoiniú a fhaigheann siad ón Roinn don bhliain 2020; má tá, cad é an méid airgid atá iarrtha agus cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar an iarratas; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Dara Calleary. [39694/19]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will report on the meeting of the Interdepartmental Committee on Island Development; and the actions and timelines agreed. — Dara Calleary. [39711/19]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the plans, reports and strategy documents published regarding island development or rural development on the islands in each of the years 1996 to 2018 and to date in 2019, by name and publication year in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [39712/19]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the health of hares; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39858/19]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the final agreed tender price, the date of the tender for the contract and the final overall amount actually paid and the date of the final payment in respect of each capital expenditure project completed since 1 January 2014 by her Department or an agency under the remit of her Department and which ended up costing €10 million or more in tabular form; the reason the final amount paid exceeded the final tender price; the details available in respect of projects in which construction is not complete to date or in which the final settlement account has not been agreed to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [39920/19]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 2019**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he has met with the UUP or Alliance leaders recently. — Michael Moynihan. [39949/19]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards a citizens' assembly on a directly elected mayor for Dublin. — Brendan Howlin. [38490/19]

**Chun an Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.**

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the transport system particularly at major entry and exit points is adequately prepared for the ramifications of a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39769/19]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the Road Safety Authority should upscale its road safety campaigns especially in the case of speeding and aggressive driving practices in view of the tragic and disappointing road traffic casualty figures to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39754/19]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to implement the Cork metropolitan area transport strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39905/19]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the findings from the low emission bus trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39773/19]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reopen with additional funding the large-scale sports infrastructure fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39906/19]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Leap cards will be introduced for commuters in south County Kildare stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39910/19]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if increased funding will be expedited for public transport and cycling infrastructure in the mid-western areas of Dublin, particularly areas adjacent to and in proximity of the M50 in order to mitigate levels of nitrogen dioxide which exceeds the EU limit which has been recorded by Traffic Infrastructure Ireland at various locations in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [39690/19]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to enhance road transportation in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [39692/19]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase public transport provision in view of the declaration of a climate emergency; his further plans to make all public transport free of charge in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39901/19]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the removal of rail lines for the purposes of constructing greenways; if he has considered the negative ramifications of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39766/19]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his policy on congestion charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39689/19]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered introducing specific measures to incentivise and support the use of e-bikes on roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39747/19]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress to date with Metrolink; his views on whether the planning and construction of this vital infrastructure for Fingal and Dublin city will be expedited over the next three or four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39753/19]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the recent initiative of Irish Rail to persuade workers to avoid rush hour DART times on weekday mornings; his further views on whether this is a reaction to a lack of infrastructure investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [39728/19]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to enhance public transport in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [39691/19]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the considerable capacity issues across the public transport system; and if he will take steps in the short to medium-term to address same. — Marc MacSharry. [39768/19]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the chronic overcrowding issues faced by commuters in the greater Dublin area, most notably on DART and bus services at peak rush hour times; the way in which he plans to address the matter without placing the emphasis on commuters to plan their journeys around busy periods. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39763/19]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the progress of the A5 project; the funding that will be made available for the project; when the funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39686/19]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Dublin Bus has opted for electric-hybrid low emission buses and not fully electric, zero emission buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [39772/19]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the NTA is not fining a company (details supplied) despite the fact it confirmed that the company is not fulfilling its contractual obligations in terms of the delivery of service on the 10% of routes it is running in Dublin; if it is open to the NTA to cancel the contract with the company in view of the failure to fulfil its contractual obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39900/19]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the efforts he is making to ensure that drivers in Northern Ireland will be permitted to drive legally here without additional paperwork or stickers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39904/19]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional resources which will be provided to Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism sector in the face of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39907/19]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the degree to which tourism continues to be developed nationwide with particular reference to the regions in which it appears considerable scope exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39956/19]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his primary budgetary priorities in advance of Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39946/19]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to tender out parts of the public transport service that is currently the remit of Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39902/19]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that all public transport is fully accessible to disabled persons and those with mobility issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39903/19]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has applied to the European Union to designate the Dublin to Rosslare railway line with Trans European Transport Network, TEN-T core status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [39688/19]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has allocated specific funding or resources to attracting tourists from the Chinese market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39767/19]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the ordering of new rail carriages; when Irish Rail will receive delivery of same; and when passengers will see increased capacity in services. — Robert Troy. [39940/19]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if specific assistance will be provided for the tourism and hospitality sector in the Border region due to the difficulties that will arise from Brexit and the heavy dependence of the region on business from Northern Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39877/19]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if key road infrastructure projects will be prioritised for investment in 2020 such as the proposed east to west route namely the road from Cootehill, Shercock, Carrickmacross and Dundalk in view of the particular challenges facing the Border region due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39876/19]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the roll out of the local link bus service in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the supports his Department is providing to the initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39714/19]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he supports a continued policy of tendering out further routes operated by Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39897/19]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be allocated to allow widening of a railway bridge (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [39909/19]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which alternative transport routes have been identified and provided in the aftermath of Brexit in order to ensure that Irish importers and exporters can circumnavigate the UK in order to provide reliable routes to mainland Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39955/19]



38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the MetroLink project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39944/19]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered establishing a transport security unit to tackle widespread and dangerous antisocial behaviour on public transport and at public transport hubs. — Marc MacSharry. [39771/19]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the improvements of the Road Safety Authority for the processing of court information on drivers disqualified in court; the average length of time for the National Vehicle Drivers' File to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39751/19]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a progress report will be provided on the extension of the right of asylum seekers to obtain a driver licence. — Robert Troy. [39939/19]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged with his Cabinet colleagues and UK counterparts to ensure that returning emigrants that hold UK licences will continue to be able to swap their licences for an Irish driver licence even in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Marc MacSharry. [39770/19]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the target of 1,000,000 electric vehicles on the roads by 2030 is a realistic target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39729/19]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Bonagee link road project in County Donegal; when the project will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [39685/19]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the BusConnects proposal for Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [39943/19]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether a cultural group (details supplied) that have used a centre is now being precluded from doing so in view of the fact that his Department is the sponsoring Department for the centre. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [39764/19]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that bus routes operated by private companies and licensed by the NTA but which are not in receipt of PSO funding will be accessible to passengers with mobility issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [39898/19]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional resources will be given to Olympic sports and athletes in advance of Tokyo 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jonathan O'Brien. [39908/19]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the introduction of variable speed limits and other demand management measures on the M50; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39748/19]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on steadily increasing the State subsidy to public transport with the aim of providing free public transport to promote

the decarbonisation of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [39752/19]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number and scale of services cancelled by a company (details supplied) on the routes it operates in Dublin; the reason these services failed to operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39899/19]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each State infrastructure project that is in development or is due for completion in 2019 in which it is in excess of the budget assigned to the project for its current stage to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [39522/19]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when decisions will be made on applications for capital projects in County Kildare under Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [39640/19]